



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

April 8, 2004

Mr. Bill Storm
Environmental Quality Board
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Faribault Energy Park - Comments for the Public Hearing on April 12, 2004

Dear Mr. Storm:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) respectfully submits these comments into the record. The MPCA is required to participate in this public hearing in accordance with Minn. Stat. §116C.61, subd. 3, which states:

State agency participation. State agencies authorized to issue permits required for construction or operation of large electric power generating plants or high voltage transmission lines shall participate during routing and sitting at public hearings and all other activities of the board on specific site or route designations and design considerations of the board, and shall clearly state whether the site or route being considered for designation or permit and other design matters under consideration for approval will be in compliance with state agency standards, rules, or policies.

MPCA staff has drafted an air emission permit for the Faribault Energy Park (FEP) facility. The draft permit and accompanying technical support document demonstrate that FEP will comply with all applicable state and federal standards, rules, and policies. The permit will begin its 30-day public notice period on April 9, 2004. The MPCA will make a final determination on issuance of FEP's air emissions permit after reviewing comments received during the public comment period.

If you have questions regarding the air emissions permit, please call Marshall Cole at (507) 280-2992.

Sincerely,

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EQB Technical Representative

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David Thornton